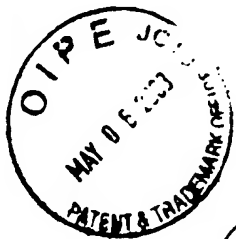


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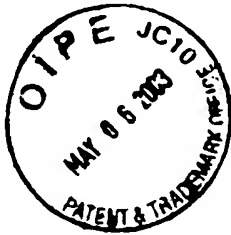
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Applicant submits that the cited alternative is not equivalent to the process of the present invention. The suggested "sacrificial tape coating" would require manual application to each hook, a labor intensive step not included in the present invention and one which would render the cited process impractical and uneconomical. Also, the suggestion of frames as an alternative to hooks is contemplated in the specification (Page 1, lines 21 & 22)

Examiner's reconsideration of the restriction requirement is hence solicited.

Respectfully submitted;

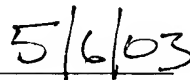


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